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Neither team could get separation even as the Batang Pier built an eight-point lead in the first half However, Phoenix’s team effort on different facets of the game allowed them to pull away in the fourth quarter. Advertisement Import Johnathan Williams, Keneth Tuffin, and Tyler Tio made huge contributions on offense, while Williams, Larry Muyang, and Ricci Rivero made their mark on the defensive end. That the Fuel Masters were able to dominate the boards (55-47) against NorthPort’s frontcourt without Jason Perkins only emphasizes the narrative of a collective effort. At 28, Williams is the third-youngest import after the Magnolia Hotshots’ Tyler Bey (25) and Bennie Boatwright (27), who as of this writing has yet to debut for the San Miguel Beermen. His youth has been an asset both in terms of the counting stats and the intangibles. Most of the players on Phoenix’s roster were also born in the 90s so this young group can easily get along with the former Los Angeles Laker and Washington Wizard. Fuel Masters head coach Jamike Jarin’s greater influence since assuming the role prior to this season has also been a positive development. Jarin has been a head coach in both high school and college and thus understands what it takes to get the most out of his younger players. Jarin’s guidance and the best Williams can give will be very much needed as Phoenix will face the Beermen, Meralco Bolts, and the Tropang Giga to wrap up their preliminary round schedule. San Miguel may not be in prime form and are missing June Mar Fajardo, but you never know who could show up. Meanwhile the Bolts and TNT are coming off confidence-building wins in the East Asia Super League so the Fuel Masters should expect stiff challenges from both squads. The Phoenix Super LPG Fuel Masters are having a dream start to their PBA Season 48 as they have thus far won seven of their first eight games in the 2023-2024 PBA Commissioner’s Cup. While uncommon, a strong start is something they’ve done before but the only thing that will matter when all is said and done is whether or not the Fuel Masters will even get a foot into the championship round. Advertisement October 15, 2022 After dropping their first three games in the 2022 PBA Commissioner’s Cup, the Phoenix Super LPG Fuel Masters have bounced back with two consecutive wins over a pair of quality opponents. Rookie point guard Tyler Tio and 27-year-old forward Javee Mocon have led the way for this young group that has turned heads with their gutsy play over the past week. In their 111-97 win over the NLEX Road Warriors last October 8, Tio put up a career-high 26 points on nine-of-17 field goal shooting, five three-pointers, seven assists, and only one turnover. He has exceeded expectations in his starting role for Phoenix following a collegiate career with the ADMU Blue Eagles where he primarily came off the bench. On the heels of Tio’s explosive performance against NLEX, Barangay Ginebra San Miguel came into their match-up with the Super LPG Fuel Masters focused on slowing the 14th overall pick of this year’s PBA Draft. Ginebra put their 6’7 swingman Jamie Malonzo on Tio from the opening tip as they banked on the former’s length and athleticism to limit the latter’s effectiveness. The 5’11 guard was visibly bothered by Malonzo in the early goings of the match, but eventually found his rhythm. Advertisement Tio showed his poise as he guided Phoenix’s fourth quarter rally that saw them turn the three-point deficit that they faced before the fourth quarter into an impressive 101-93 victory versus the crowd favorite Ginebra. He wound up hitting eight of the 11 shots that he attempted from the field to finish with 17 points along with seven assists. — PBA (@pbaconnect) October 14, 2022 The 24-year-old guard has combined his youthful vigor with veteran poise and court smarts that have quickly turned him into one of the best young prospects in the PBA today. His teammate Mocon has fed off his playmaking as the duo has caught the eye of the rest of the league with their recent play. Mocon, who was acquired by the Super LPG Fuel Masters last June from the Rain or Shine Elasto Painters, has developed into the primary scoring option among locals for this team. He opened their Commissioner’s Cup with 24 points, 13 rebounds, and three assists in their loss to the NorthPort Batang Pier and has not looked back since. The 6’3 forward tallied 23 points, nine rebounds, and six assists in their win over the Road Warriors and followed it up with 20 points, five rebounds, and two assists to help beat Ginebra. He is now averaging 20 points, 6.6 rebounds, and 3.2 assists in what has been his best conference so far in his four-year PBA career. While it is difficult to imagine Phoenix making it past the quarterfinals in this conference, their performance in their past two outings has been an encouraging step in the right direction. Tio and Mocon are developing into long-term building blocks for this franchise and their injured star Jason Perkins should have no trouble fitting in with them when he eventually returns from knee surgery. The Super LPG Fuel Masters were dealt a serious blow when Matthew Wright departed for Japan’s B.League two months ago, yet they have picked up the pieces and, at the very least, have a few promising young players whom they can build around. There is still a long way to go before they can replicate their semifinal appearances in 2019 and 2020, though they are slowly rising from the ashes and are building from the ground up. WHAT'S YOUR REACTION? 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Jason Perkins led the way with a career-best 39 points, alongside five assists and four rebounds, steering Phoenix to back-to-back wins and a final 4-7 record. Kenneth Tuffin also delivered big, recording a double-double of 29 points and 14 rebounds, while Christian Tyler Tio and Kai Ballungay chipped in 14 points apiece. Phoenix jumped out to a dominant 39-19 first-quarter lead, but Blackwater clawed back to cut the deficit to 87-96 early in the fourth. The Fuel Masters quickly regrouped with clutch buckets from Perkins, Tio, and RJ Jazul, eventually stretching the gap to 124-107 with just over two minutes left. “We are growing together. We are looking forward to next season,” said Phoenix head coach Jamike Jarin. “The way we played in our last two games is the way we should play in Season 50.” Richard Escoto led Blackwater with 20 points, while RK Ilagan and Sedrick Barefield contributed 18 and 13, respectively. The Bossing closed out another tough campaign with a 2-9 record. Mr. Michael Jarin Mr. Paolo Bugia Atty. Raymond Zorrilla Jon Jacinto Willie Wilson Augustus Ian Sangco Paolo Dizon Christien Dela Cruz CONFERENCE STATS CONFERENCE AVERAGE 0 / nan% / nan% / nan% CONFERENCE TOTAL 0 / nan% / nan% / nan% FRANCHISE HISTORY Coming soon! 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